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In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Bao Q. Truong

For: PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability. Applicants provide the following Comment thereon, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104(e) and MPEP 1302.14.

As specified in MPEP 1302.14, "care must be taken to ensure that such reasons are accurate, precise, and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims." It is submitted that the Examiner's Statement does not meet these standards and, instead, raises "possible misinterpretations...and possible estoppel effects" (MPEP 1302.14) and, accordingly, should be disregarded.

This Statement does not set forth accurately reproduced excerpts of the claim recitations and, moreover, merges together the differing respective limitations of the independent claims.

Particularly, neither of the independent claims 1 and 14 nor any of the dependent claims recite "a mesh-patterned partitioned sidewall" as recited in the Statement. Instead, each of the independent claims 1 and 14 recites "a mesh-patterned partition...in which the partition defines a surrounding sidewall for each cell...." Further, whereas the Statement recites "mesh-like air paths", that term appears only in claim 1 and not in claim 14 which recites, more broadly, simply "air paths...."

Moreover, the separation of the three lines of the Examiner's Statement into two separate sentences (see: "therein. In which...") renders the statement disjointed and, clearly, grammatically incorrect.

It is submitted that the claims are not constrained by such limitations as may be implied from the Examiner's Statement, as are noted above, and, instead, that the claims speak for themselves as to what features are included therein and thus are their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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